



KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

Newsletter

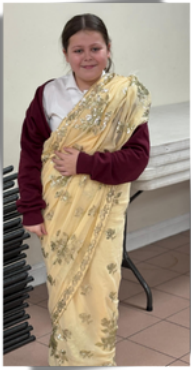
KENSINGTON IN THE COMMUNITY

This month has been a fantastic one for community engagement! Each year group had the opportunity to visit places of worship, including a Gurdwara, Hindu temple, and mosque in Derby. These trips provided valuable insights into different religions and cultures, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their learning experiences.

Meanwhile, some of our Year 3 pupils showcased their talents at a gymnastics festival hosted by Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club. They demonstrated great skill and enthusiasm—well done to everyone who took part!

A huge thank you to our community for supporting our fundraising efforts. With your help, we raised £187 through Asda Cashpots for Schools! This has been used to purchase new resources and games for Breakfast Club and LSM sessions.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community!



KEY DATES THIS YEAR

Friday 14th February	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day - School closed to children
Tuesday 25th February	First day of Spring 2 term
Wednesday 5th March	Year 6 - Trip to University of Nottingham
Monday 10th March	Year 4 - Think Tank, Birmingham trip
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character and classroom activities
Wednesday 12th March	Year 5 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip
Monday 17th March & Tuesday 18th March	Parents' Evenings - 3.40pm - 5.40pm - (further details nearer the time)
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief Day - Non school uniform and sponsored run
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March	Spring Term Exhibition
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring 2 term
Tuesday 22nd April	First day of Summer 1 term
Thursday 8th May	School photographs - year groups
Friday 16th May	KJA Film Night
Wednesday 21st May	World Culture Day
Friday 23rd May	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 2nd June	First day of Summer 2 term
Friday 27th June	INSET Day - School closed to children
Friday 4th July - 3.15pm to 6.30pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 16th July	KJA Talent Show
Thursday 24th July	Last day of Summer 2 term

Every Thursday - Y4 Violin Lessons.
 Every Thursday - Y5 Swimming Lessons - please remember swimming kit.

PE Days:
 Monday - Year 5, Wednesday - Year 5, Thursday - Year 6, Friday - Year 4
 PE kit should consist of a plain t-shirt and joggers or shorts. Football kits are not allowed.



Reading Morning - Every Wednesday!

Come and join us every Wednesday morning from 8:45 AM to share a book with your child in class. It's a wonderful way to start the day, foster a love of reading, and spend quality time together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday Coffee Mornings

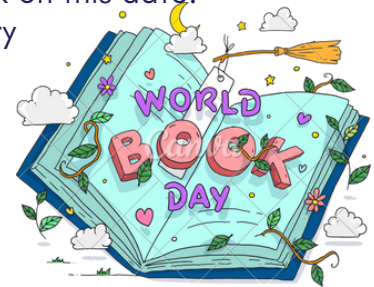
Don't forget—every Thursday morning, we run our Coffee Morning - hosted by Mrs Bailey! Come along, enjoy a cuppa and a chat, and connect with other parents and staff in a relaxed setting. We'd love to see you there!



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March 2025. This will be part of KJA 'Reading Week' starting Monday 3rd March which will see the children enjoying lots of activities and events.

We will be inviting children to dress up as a character from a book on this date. Please be reassured that dressing up is not compulsory and we encourage you to reuse past costumes or repurpose items you already have to create a costume.



On World Book Day we will also be hosting our popular 'Book Swap' on the playground afterschool.

Please check through bookshelves and cupboards for any unwanted books you'd be willing to donate so that children can swap an old book for a new to them one.

Any questions regarding World Book Day or Reading Week, please come and see Miss Wain.

Attendance Matters

As we welcome you all back to the start of the Spring Term, we would like to remind you of our expectations around attendance, including lateness and collecting children early.

Derbyshire County Council has issued updated guidance around the legal intervention process which became statutory guidance on the 19th August 2024. We are not able to authorise absence during term time, except for a small number of highly exceptional cases. Please inform school in good time, providing evidence, if you think you need to remove your child from school during term time. You will be informed via a letter, as to whether this absence is approved or unauthorised. Unauthorised absences can be referred to the local authority. We aim for at least 96% attendance from every child in the school. Lateness, after the register closes can affect your child's overall attendance percentage so it is vitally important that you arrive on time to school in the morning. The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am in the morning.

Please can we ask parents/carers to NOT collect your child early unless in exceptional circumstances. Please make any dentist appointments/GP appointments outside of the school day wherever possible. Children leaving early causes significant disruption to teaching and learning, not only for the child leaving but also for their classmates as office staff have to interrupt teaching.

Welfare Checks

As part of our attendance and safeguarding policies, on the 3rd day of absence from school our attendance team may visit you at home to offer any support we can. Depending on the circumstances, this may happen even if you have let us know why your child is off school.

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